

Community Meeting Survey Results (City Council Districts 1-7)

	District 1, Roeding School November 14, 2002 (8)	District 2, Forkner School November 6, 2002 (5)	District 3, Mayfair School November 18, 2002 (5)	District 4-Vinland School November 7, 2002 (11)
1. What are your specific expectations from the Parks, Recreation, and Zoo Divisions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parks and Recreation centers that are geographically distributed throughout neighborhoods so they are in walking distance for all. 2. Maintenance and cleanliness is very important. 3. Safety for visitors. 4. Zoo to provide a healthy environment for all Zoo animals, reptiles and birds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Well policed and patrolled parks. 2. Well maintained parks and continued expansion 3. Continued improvements and growth at the Zoo adding to habitats. 4. People in Pinedale expect safety from gang activity. 5. Fulton Mall should be maintained at its current level. 6. Fresno needs an outlet for teenagers' recreation (skateboarding, bike riding in a safe environment) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide safe, attractive, and well maintained, parks, restrooms, play fields and equipment. 2. Provide for a variety of interest for the public to participate in. 3. Fight for more money for the parks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide the community with clean, safe and well maintained parks. 2. Provide activities geared towards cultural diversity and varying interests of the community. 3. The Zoo should provide an educational experience while providing more natural habitat exhibits for the animals. 4. Parks should be a peaceful/serene environment to relax and for recreation. 5. Recreational opportunities should be coordinated with churches and schools. 5. Zoo should integrate educational programs with schools.

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2. Based on your expectations, in what areas are the Parks, Recreation, and Zoo Divisions doing a good job of meeting these expectations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parks are well maintained (turf, shrubs, trees, restrooms) 2. The Department has been proactive in developing new park facilities. 3. The Zoo has performed well in retaining a variety of animals, reptiles, and birds and in renovating old exhibits to provide a larger more natural habitat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Woodward Park is well groomed and safe. 2. Zoo is expanding and well maintained. 3. Enjoy the use of Oso De Oro Park for the handicapped 4. Skateboard park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall doing a good job, they had no complaints. 2. Landscaping is well maintained and groomed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parks are generally clean and well maintained despite a lack of funding. 2. Recreation activities provide adequate service. 3. Zoo has done well in providing natural habitats. 4. Fulton Mall maintenance has improved despite funding. 5. Continue and expand relationship with Metropolitan Flood Control District for green space. 6. Zoo is terrific, comparable to the best national zoos.
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3. In what areas are the Parks, Recreation, and Zoo Divisions not doing a good job of meeting these expectations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community is not aware of what is available from Parks and Recreation. 2. There is too much competition between different sports activities on existing park sites. 3. Need to enforce reservation schedules. 4. Zoo should have highest priority to renovate and reconstruct its infrastructure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not meeting expectation of safety in the parks (bathrooms at Roeding). 2. Dirty restrooms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need to do a better job policing the litter problem in the regional parks. 2. Pay closer attention to the original plants in the park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Civic leaders have not made a strong commitment to Parks and Recreation funding. 2. Recreation should continually adapt to the needs of the community. 3. Zoo should look into funding options for expansion and development. 4. Need new restrooms in park 5. Need more trash pick-up.

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<p>4. What do you believe the Parks, Recreation, and Zoo Divisions could be doing better or differently in order to more completely meet your expectations?</p>	<p>1. Provide an equal distribution of Park and Recreation facilities throughout the City and expand the Community Science Program. 2. Grassy areas lit for night use. 3. Tennis courts are not heavily used and should be converted to volleyball.</p>	<p>1. Neighborhood parks should be designed specifically for neighborhood where it is located. 2. More arts & crafts activities for children after school. 3. Hire college students and look for volunteers for the Zoo. 4. Parks should be staffed. 5. Bring back locations for chess and checkers.</p>	<p>1. Need to do a better job policing the litter problem in the regional parks. 2. Pay closer attention to the original plants in the park.</p>	<p>1. Apply for more grants. 2. Need additional money in the Parks, Recreation and Zoo budgets. 3. Develop mor open space. 4. Implement the Zoo Master Plan.</p>
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5. Do you feel safe while going to the Zoo, and/or using Parks and Recreation facilities? Do all parks have adequate supervision and police protection?	1..Do not feel safe at Roeding, especially in the bathrooms. 2. Need more lights in parks. 3. Feel safe at the Zoo. 4. Because of the added lights, feel safe on the Fulton Mall.	1. 80% of those in attendance feel safe using the parks. 2. Believe some parks are safer than others.	1. They Feel safe during daylight hours. 2. At night they have concerns in parks that are not supervised with park personnel or Police.	1. 91% have never felt unsafe or threatened in parks or at the Zoo and stated that police protection and supervision was adequate. 2. Park safety is the function of PD and not parks but the two should work together to ensure safety. 3. PD should monitor speeding in Woodward Park. 4. Parks and the Zoo should improve lighting.
6. Currently Parks, Recreation, and the Zoo are combined under one Department. Do you believe this is effective and efficient? If not, what type of organizational structure do you believe would serve the public better?	1. Current Structure is good. 2. The Police should not absorb any part of Parks, Recreation, and the Zoo.	Yes (60%) No (40%) Comments: Zoo operations are different from Parks & Recreation. Under the current arrangement, the Zoo gets placed in the back burner when it needs additional funding. The zoo should have a separate identity	They see no reason for a change.	1. 91% present stated current organization is effective and efficient. 2. 64% present believed the Zoo should stand on its own and explore other organizational models. 3. The City needs to hire a qualified Parks and Recreation leader. The PD should not take over Parks and Recreation but there should be more cooperation between the two.
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7. What are your greatest concerns about Parks, Recreation, and the Zoo's role in serving the community?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High population density in this section of town requires more parks. 2. Need more parks that are accessible. 3. Funding level should equal police and fire levels. 4. Need more lit fields. 5. Need transportation for youth to parks. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All present felt that the Parks, Recreation and Zoo needed increases in their budgets. 2. Parks should have a welcoming atmosphere. 3. Parks should be economical for everyone. 4. Parks, Recreation and the Zoo should do more marketing. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very concerned about keeping Parks recreation and the zoo independent from the Police Department. They believe it will harm the budget. They are strongly opposed to this action. 2. They are afraid the Zoo will not have enough money in the future to keep up current standards. They are afraid that services in the older parts of the community will start to decline. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All present felt that adequate funding is a concern. 2. Parks needs to provide a safe and friendly environment. 3. All felt that civic leaders need to recognize the vital role parks and recreation play in providing quality of life enhancements for the community. 4. Great cities have great parks. 5. The City should fully implement the Master Plan for the Zoo, Parks and Recreation.
8. Is there sufficient park space in your neighborhood that provides the recreation opportunity to serve the needs of you and your family?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No. More parks and recreation centers are needed to meet the population and socioeconomic needs of this area. 2. Need more soccer fields. 	<p>Yes (80%) No (20%)</p>	<p>Yes (60%) No (40%)</p>	<p>Yes (40%) No (60%)</p> <p>Comments: Fresno lags in park space compared to the national standards. Residential/commercial developers should be required to build parks.</p>

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9. Are there activities that you and your family would like to participate in but are currently not available? What are they?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need additional dog parks. 2. More senior services of diverse types are needed and should be published. 3. Need more skate parks. 4. Need a basic computer class. No fees for seniors should be charged. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 60% present stated that Parks, Recreation and the Zoo are meeting their needs. 2. 40% indicated that there needs to be additional skateboarding, bicycle riding, and BMX facilities. 3. Teenager activities. 	None noted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide more trails and integrate them into the Master Plan for Parks. 2. More Concerts in the Park. Look at Fresno Philharmonic as an option.
10. Are there activities currently available at park and recreation facilities that you or your family members would like to do but do not because of concern for your safety at the park?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Riding a bicycle through Roeding Park is not done due to safety concerns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 80% stated no. 2. 20% stated that gang activity, drugs and lewd activity limit their activity in the parks. 	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 45% present stated they would not walk alone in parks. 2. 36% present said no. 3. All present felt restroom maintenance should be part of the budget augmentation.

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1. What are your specific expectations from the Parks, Recreation, and Zoo Divisions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parks should provide safe, clean and well maintained parks. 2. Develop Green/Park space. 3. Parks should be drug and graffiti free. 4. Recreation should have well balanced and supervised programs offering a variety of programs that keep the customer coming back 5. Zoo's should provide exhibits which offer well maintained facilities for the animals and the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safe and patrolled parks, safe from crime and safe equipment. 2. Development of new parks. 3. Clean and well maintained parks, to include restrooms and provide needed maintenance. 4. Sports programs 5. New exhibits at Zoo should be educational 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide safe, attractive, and well maintained parks, restrooms, play fields and equipment. 2. Provide for a variety of interests for the public to participate in. 3. Fight for more money for the parks.
2. Based on your expectations, in what areas are the Parks, Recreation, and Zoo Divisions doing a good job of meeting these expectations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing new Parks. 2. Parks are well maintained Efforts to green up Kings Canyon is very nice, 3. Recreation provides nice programs with exceptional staff members. The varied activities are nice and well rounded 4. Zoo maintenance looks better than prior years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parks are generally are well maintained, specifically mentioned Selma Layne, Forkner, Woodward and Oso de Oro. 2. Zoo and exhibits are wonderful, specifically mentioned the Safari Night--the Zoo employees are friendly. 3. Good job providing open space, keeping admissions low at parks and Zoo. 4. Like green space and pocket parks in neighborhoods. 5. Recreation has provided great programs such as senior meals and swimming. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall doing a good job. No complaints. 2. Landscape is well maintained and groomed.

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3. In what areas are the Parks, Recreation, and Zoo Divisions not doing a good job of meeting these expectations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would like to see graffiti controlled throughout the city 2. Parks and Recreation needs to do a better job of marketing programs 3. The Zoo is too confusing. Provide better signs 4. Need better supervision of activities in the parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More police protection in all parks 2. Maintenance of parks, specifically bathrooms. 3. Need better lighting at parks and Zoo. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need to do a better job policing the litter problem in the regional parks. 2. Pay closer attention to the original plants in the park.
4. What do you believe the Parks, Recreation, and Zoo Divisions could be doing better or differently in order to more completely meet your expectations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parks should have more money for maintenance and expansion 2. Recreation should provide better Public Awareness 3. The Zoo should provide better parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marketing services at parks so people will know what is available. 2. Better signs at the Zoo. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need to do a better job policing the litter problem in the regional parks. 2. Pay closer attention to the original plants in the park.
5. Do you feel safe while going to the Zoo, and/or using Parks and Recreation facilities? Do all parks have adequate supervision and police protection?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All present felt safe at Parks 2. All present felt that staffing and supervision was adequate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Majority did not feel safe in the park, some felt parks on the north end of town were somewhat safer. 2. All felt safe at the Zoo. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feel safe during the daylight hours. At night there is concern because the parks are not supervised with park personnel or police.

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<p>7. What are your greatest concerns about Parks, Recreation, and the Zoo's role in serving the community?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There should be more Parks, including regional parks. 2. Concerned about future funding 3. Parks and Recreation should improve public awareness 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding for future parks. 2. Funding for Zoo 3. Future planning of parks and trails. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very concerned about keeping Parks, Recreation, and the Zoo independent from the Police Department. They believe it will harm the budget and are strongly opposed to this action. 2. They were afraid that the Zoo will not have enough money in the future to keep up current standards. Concern was raised that services in the older parts of the community will start to decline.
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8. Is there sufficient park space in your neighborhood that provides the recreation opportunity to serve the needs of you and your family?	<p>1. All present felt that there was not sufficient Park space.</p>	<p>1. This group was divided approximately 50 percent said there was enough park space and the other 50 percent said there was not.</p> <p>2. Those that said there was not sufficient park space cited a need for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Parks with pools Tennis courts Baseball Fields Soccer Fields Softball Fields.</p>	<p>Yes (60%) No (40%)</p>
9. Are there activities that you and your family would like to participate in but are currently not available? What are they?	<p>1. Parks should build more skate parks and tennis facilities, and offer additional activities i.e., arts and crafts and science and computer classes</p> <p>2. Would like to have more outdoor concerts and Park related festivals in Southwest Fresno</p>	<p>1. Yes, tennis, aquatic sports, skate parks, climbing walls and more concerts and outdoor festivals.</p>	<p>None reported.</p>
10. Are there activities currently available at park and recreation facilities that you or your family members would like to do but do not because of concern for your safety at the park?	<p>1. All six present said No</p>	<p>1. No, the only exception cited were the bathrooms at Roeding Park.</p>	<p>No.</p>